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TAGS: MASS, US, WZ

SUBJECT: SWAZI REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: MBABNE A-009

1. NOTE NO. 2 DFA RECEIVED AT EMBASSY MARCH 8. NOTE REFERS TO SUBJECT OF ASSISTANCE... TO THE KINGDOM'S INFANTRY ARMY. NOTE REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN FORM EXPERTS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL IN FOLLOWING FIELDS:

(A) TRAINING OFFICER IN ARMY DRILL AND PARADE (B) EXPERIENCED EXPERT ARMY ADMINISTRATOR (C) INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY OFFICER (D) SIGNALS EXPERT TRAINING OFFICER (E) BAND MASTER (F) RADIO AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT. NOTE ASKS FOR INDICATION AREAS USG WOULD BE WILLING ASSIST.

2. BRITISH RECEIVED IDENTICAL NOTE. HIGH COMMISSIONER ON LEAVE BUT BRITISH CHARGE DOUBTS FOREIGN OFFICE WILL BE RECEIPTIVE EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR SALE RADIO EQUIPMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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HIGH COMMISSION NOT RPT NOT INCLINED PUSH.

3. FRG APPROACHED IN MORE GENERAL TERMS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE DURING FEBRUARY VISIT NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR. SINCE THEN FRG HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR LIST. FRG OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSING REQUEST AT MEETING THIS WEEK ADDIS ABABA.

4. GOS ASKED ISRAELIS LAST WEEK FEBRUARY FOR TWO-MAN ISRAELI TRAINING TEAM HERE AND DESPATCH TEN SWAZIS FOR TRAINING IN ISRAEL. REPORTEDLY, ISRAEL WASNOT INITIALLY FAVORABLY INCLINED.

5. MOTIVES FOR ESTABLISHMENT SWAZI ARMY STILL UNCLEAR. MOST PROBABLY KING HIMSELF WANTS COUNTERBALANCE TO 800-MAN POLICE FORCE. ARMY HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN USED FOR INTIMIDATION OR REPRESSION. PROBLEM GROWING OF WHAT TO DO WITH IT NOW THAT THEY HAVE IT. SOME CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS BEING DISCUSSED PARTICULARLY ROAD BUILDING AND EFFORTS TO MAKE SWAZILAND SELF-SUFFICIENT IN CORN PRODUCTION. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, 1-MILLION-RAND FINANCING FOR LATTER EFFORT WOULD COME FROM MINERAL ROYALTIES IN SWAZI NATIONAL TREASURY. THERE ALSO PLANS TO ESTABLISH MINISTRY DEFENSE WITH PRINCE BEKHIMPI DLAMINI AS MINISTER.

6. EMBAFSY SEES NO COMPELLING NATIONAL INTEREST REASON FOR USG TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT. DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER THAT IF NO OTHER NATION WILLING HELP THERE PROBABILITY SWAZIS WOULD TURN TO RSA. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE EARLIER INFORMAL QUESTION OF TRAINING POTENTIAL LEADER "ARMY" WAS RESOLVED BY SWAZI APPROACH TO AUSTRALIANS. SWAZIS COULD SIMILARLY WIDEN PRESENT SEARCH FOR ASSISTANCE.

7. FORMAL REPLY TO NOTE INDICATED. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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